

House Study Bill 202 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE
ON EDUCATION BILL BY
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to reporting of potential concussions or brain
2 injuries in certain extracurricular interscholastic athletic
3 contests.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 280.13C, Code 2015, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 3A. *a.* The home team in an extracurricular
4 interscholastic contest in which high school athletic teams
5 participate in a collision sport shall ensure that an athletic
6 trainer licensed under chapter 152D is present and available to
7 assess athletic injuries at such contest.

8 *b.* The home team in an extracurricular interscholastic
9 contest in which high school athletic teams participate in a
10 contact sport is strongly encouraged to ensure that an athletic
11 trainer licensed under chapter 152D is present and available to
12 assess athletic injuries at such contest.

13 *c.* If an athlete who is a member of a visiting team in an
14 extracurricular interscholastic contest at which an athletic
15 trainer licensed under chapter 152D is present and available
16 to assess athletic injuries as provided in this section shows
17 signs, symptoms, or behaviors consistent with a concussion or
18 brain injury, the athletic trainer shall notify the visiting
19 team's athletic director within forty-eight hours after the
20 contest occurs.

21 Sec. 2. Section 280.13C, subsection 4, Code 2015, is amended
22 by adding the following new paragraphs:

23 NEW PARAGRAPH. *0a.* "*Collision sport*" means football,
24 soccer, wrestling, hockey, or lacrosse.

25 NEW PARAGRAPH. *00a.* "*Contact sport*" means a sport that is
26 not a collision sport and that is defined as a contact sport by
27 the American academy of pediatrics.

28 Sec. 3. IMPLEMENTATION OF ACT. Section 25B.2, subsection
29 3, shall not apply to this Act.

30 EXPLANATION

31 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
32 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

33 This bill requires the home team in an extracurricular
34 interscholastic contest in which high school athletic teams
35 participate in a collision sport to ensure that an athletic

1 trainer licensed under Code chapter 152D is present and
2 available to assess athletic injuries at such contest. The
3 bill strongly encourages the home team in an extracurricular
4 interscholastic contest in which high school athletic teams
5 participate in a contact sport to ensure that an athletic
6 trainer licensed under Code chapter 152D is present and
7 available to assess athletic injuries at such contest.

8 The bill requires an athletic trainer who is present and
9 available to assess athletic injuries at an extracurricular
10 interscholastic contest as provided in the bill to notify the
11 visiting team's athletic director within 48 hours after the
12 contest occurs if an athlete who is a member of the visiting
13 team shows signs, symptoms, or behaviors consistent with a
14 concussion or brain injury.

15 The bill defines "collision sport" as football, soccer,
16 wrestling, hockey, or lacrosse. The bill defines "contact
17 sport" as a sport that is not a collision sport and that
18 is defined as a contact sport by the American academy of
19 pediatrics.

20 The bill may include a state mandate as defined in Code
21 section 25B.3. The bill makes inapplicable Code section 25B.2,
22 subsection 3, which would relieve a political subdivision from
23 complying with a state mandate if funding for the cost of
24 the state mandate is not provided or specified. Therefore,
25 political subdivisions are required to comply with any state
26 mandate included in the bill.